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Not passing this provision is totally unfair as my husband and I have legitimately earned Social Security. Before I taught in Missouri, the state in which I retired, I was fully vested in Social Security due to having taught in states where I was under Social Security and other jobs that I had held prior and during my teaching career. I had counted on Social Security as a supplement to my teacher retirement. I now have only enough Social Security allotted to me to cover my Medicare and an additional \$25 per month.

My husband has paid the maximum into Social Security for years, and if he should pass before me, I would earn nothing for the many years that he contributed to Social Security. This is totally unfair as he was promised by our government that I, as a dependant, would draw on his Social Security.

I have friends who retired a few years prior to this enactment who are enjoying retirement benefits from deceased spouses as well as drawing their own Social Security. This, too, is unfair to allow some and not all to participate in the same benefits as promised by our government.

Teachers are not very highly paid during their careers, and then to deduct legitimately earned monies during their retirement is grossly unfair.

Please consider repealing this provision in Social Security. I have not included pages of statistics as I am sure that you are well aware of that facet of this debate. This is my very personal perspective.

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